

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend original claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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a<sup>1</sup> --1. (Amended) A method for rolling a metal strip in a rolling train having at least two rolling stands, and wherein the metal strip has at least two areas of different thicknesses connected via a substantially wedge-shaped transition piece, comprising setting the rolling velocity of a rolling stand during rolling of the transition piece as a function of the rolling stand's forward slip, and as a function of the metal strip's temperature.

2. (Amended) Apparatus for rolling a metal strip in a rolling train having at least two rolling stands, the metal strip having at least two areas of different thicknesses which are connected via a substantially wedge-shaped transition piece, comprising means for setting the rolling velocity of a rolling stand during the rolling of the transition piece as a function of the rolling stand's forward slip and as a function of the metal strip's temperature.--

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A "Version With Marked Changes Made" is submitted herewith.